

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

September 18, 2012

Reestablish Reward for Information in Locating Suspect in Fatal Hit and Run near Ritter Elementary School in Willowbrook

On Friday, April 20, 2012, at approximately 5:50 p.m., 7-year old Angelica Arreola, a first grader at Ritter Elementary School, and her father, 38-year old Jose Arreola entered the crosswalk at Santa Ana Boulevard and Watts Avenue, located in unincorporated Willowbrook. Upon entering the crosswalk, both pedestrians were struck by a pearl-white Cadillac Escalade resulting in the death of Jose Arreola and leaving his daughter in critical condition. After striking the victims, the suspect fled and drove westbound on Santa Ana Boulevard. The shock and senselessness of this tragedy has left the Arreola family and the Ritter Elementary School community devastated.

On June 6, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward offer, which expired on September 4, 2012. The reward offer should be re-established to aid in the ongoing investigation into this tragic hit-and-run.

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I THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Re-establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of 38-year old Jose Arreola and the critical injuries sustained by 7-year old Angelica Arreola, who were struck as they entered a crosswalk at the intersection of Santa Ana Boulevard and Watts Avenue on Friday, April 20, 2012 in unincorporated Willowbrook.

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